



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	21-0003 February Winter Weather 2021
Date	February 15, 2021
Time	0900
Operational Period	February 14, 2021- February 15, 2021
Report Number	4

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
DDCs Active	1, 2, 4, 6, 17, 20, 21 & 22

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas is experiencing a large number of rolling power outages across the state to help reduce the burden on the power grid. Currently there are more than 2.3 million customers without power in Texas.

Significant snowfall began in the Panhandle on Sunday and spread across most of the rest of the northern half of the state on Monday. Snowfall accumulations could occur as far south as IH-10 and freezing rain/sleet accumulations could occur across much of northern South Texas and Southeast Texas Sunday and Monday. Accumulations of ice in Region 3 cannot be ruled out.

On February 14, Governor Abbott announced that the White House has issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for Texas in response to the severe winter weather throughout the state. The Governor submitted a request for this declaration on Saturday to assist the State in response efforts related to the storm.

This Federal Emergency Declaration authorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide emergency protective measures for mass care and sheltering and Direct Federal Assistance for all 254 counties in Texas.

"I thank President Biden for quickly issuing a Federal Emergency Declaration for Texas as we continue to respond to severe winter weather conditions throughout the state," said Governor Abbott. "This disaster declaration provides Texas with additional resources and assistance that will help our communities respond to this winter weather."

On February 13, Governor Abbott provided an update from the Alternate State Operations Center on the severe winter weather that is impacting the State of Texas. The Governor noted that snow and ice are expected throughout Texas for the next few days and ultra-low temperatures will linger throughout the upcoming week — meaning that many road closures and extremely dangerous conditions are expected. The Governor also announced that he will request a Federal Emergency Declaration from the White House to make additional resources available for communities impacted by this weather event.

The Governor addressed power and energy concerns on Monday and Tuesday. Power companies already have crews in place, and other states have deployed power crews to Texas to assist in potential power outages. The Texas Railroad Commission has suspended regulations to ensure churches, hospitals, residences, and other human resource facilities have access to gas throughout the winter weather event. The State of Texas is asking Texans to begin conserving energy now to ensure power and energy are available early next week by unplugging devices when not in use, closing windows and blinds, and adjusting thermostats to 68 degrees or below. The Governor and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Chief also discussed the increased risk of carbon monoxide poisoning in such conditions and urged Texans to avoid heating their homes with ovens or stovetops and only use generators or grills outdoors and away from windows.

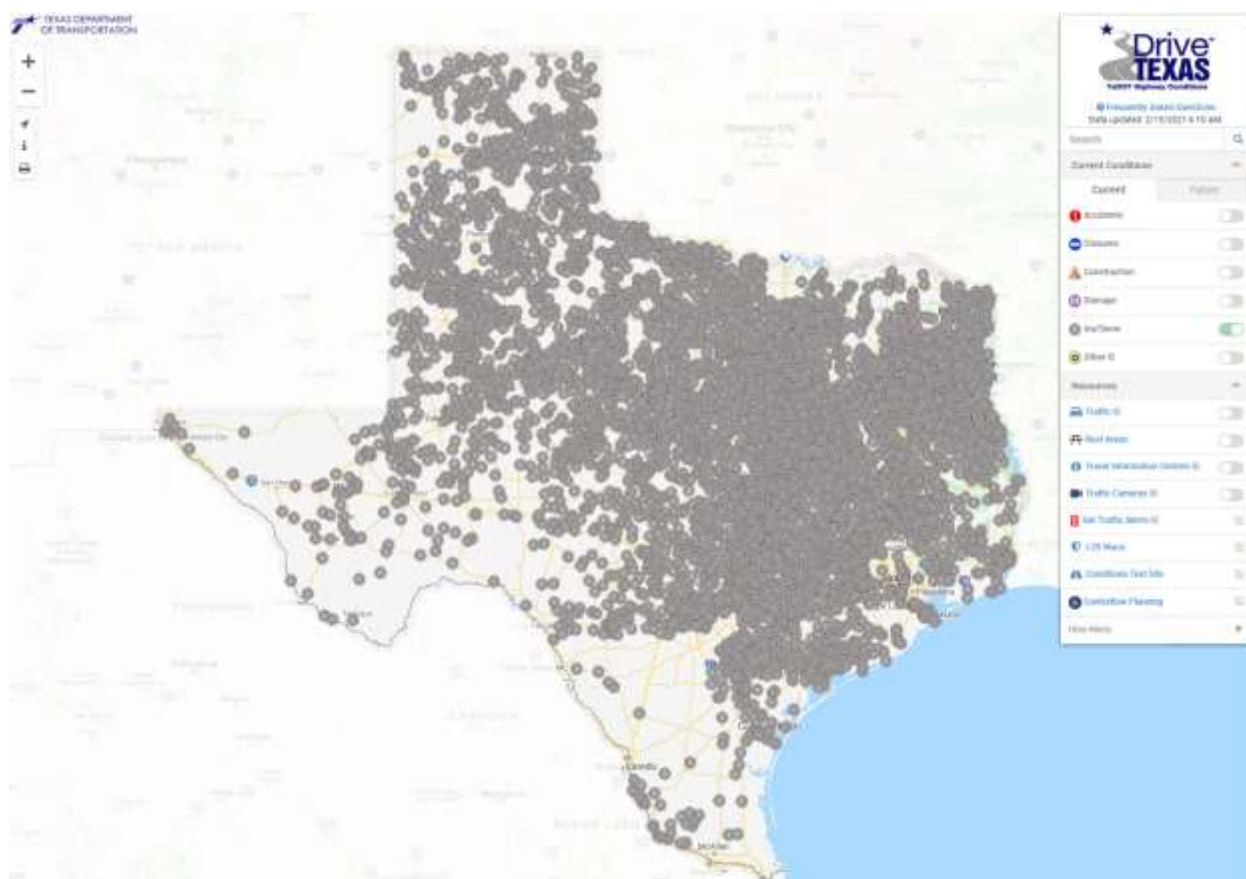
Local officials have established 34 warming centers in communities across the state and sent numerous vehicles, wreckers, ambulances, and personnel to assist in stranded motor operations and community support. Governor Abbott urged Texans to stay off the roads if they can and immediately call 800-525-5555 for roadside assistance if they become stranded on the road. The Texas Department of Public Safety has activated over 3,000 troopers that are working 24/7 to assist communities with their response. The Texas Military Department has also deployed Guardsmen to perform welfare checks in remote areas of the state.

On February 12, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration in all 254 counties in response to severe winter weather that is impacting Texas. The Governor is continuing to deploy state resources available to assist local officials in their response efforts, and has ordered the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to expand its daily operations to 24-hours a day through the end of next week.

At the direction of the Governor, the Texas Division of Emergency Management has deployed the following state resources to support winter weather response operations:

- Texas Department of Transportation: Winter weather roadway preparation equipment and response crews as well as road condition monitoring.
- Texas Highway Patrol, Texas Department of Public Safety: Courtesy patrols to assist stranded motorists along major travel corridors.
- Texas Military Department: Winter weather equipment and personnel to support Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Fort Worth, and Waco to assist in stranded motorist operations.

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Four wheel drive vehicles and personnel to assist with stranded motorists along major travel corridors.
- Texas A&M Forest Service: Motor graders and personnel to assist with snow/ice clearance and saw crews to assist with removal of downed trees.
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas Task Force 1: Search and rescue equipment and teams.
- Public Utility Commission of Texas: Monitoring and reporting of power outages and monitoring of any issues impacting the power generation capability in the state.
- Texas Animal Health Commission: Response equipment and personnel to



address livestock concerns due to frigid temperatures.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4A Hurst: (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties)

DDC 4A escalated to Level II. Most universities will be closed Monday. Schools are beginning to report closings, and more reports are expected by Monday morning. All COVID-19 testing sites are closed through Wednesday. Virtually all major roads and highways are reported to have patches of ice and snow. North Texas Expressway Express lanes have been closed.

DDC 4B – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

Due to the ongoing impacts of winter weather and the forecast for another round of winter weather impacts on Sunday, February 14th. Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 4B activated to a Level III (Increased Readiness/Monitoring).

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ordered a ground stop at the DFW Airport due to ice and wintry weather on Saturday, February 13.

TxDOT activated their EOC at DalTran for 24-hour operations at 5:00 PM on Sunday, February 14. County EOCs anticipate escalation to Level II on Sunday. Almost all cities within DDC 4B Garland have activated their EOC's to Level III for monitoring. Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will modify their service due to winter weather, effective Sunday, February 14 at 11:00 PM until 11:59 PM on Monday, February 15.

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

Lamar County has opened four warming centers.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

Freezing rain/sleet/snow have accumulated on roadways and will continue to accumulate into Monday afternoon. Widespread impacts increase as snowfall continues. A second winter storm is forecast to enter the area on Wednesday, February 17.

The Tyler Pounds Regional airport closed on Sunday. All arrivals and departures from Tyler Pounds Regional Airport for Sunday have been canceled. Passengers can visit www.AA.com or call 1-800-433-7300 to check the status of their flights and find the most current American Airlines flight information.

TxDOT is working to treat major roadways and has implemented a 24-hour operation schedule.

Henderson County: Henderson County issued a disaster declaration on February 14.

DDC 22 – Sherman (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

A wintry mix was expected Sunday through Monday morning. Wintry mix will transition into snow overnight Sunday, with heavy snow possible across the entire district Sunday night into Monday morning. The district will experience dangerous cold temps through Tuesday.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

A winter storm warning is in effect through 6:00 PM Monday. A wind chill warning is in effect beginning Sunday evening through noon on Tuesday. A hard freeze warning is in effect from Sunday evening until noon on Tuesday.

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

TXDPS Texas Highway Patrol State Troopers are monitoring the situation and prepared to respond to any requests for service. TxDOT has pre-treated roadways across the district and will go to 24-hour operations at 7:00 PM on Saturday, February 13.

Angelina County: Hudson ISD will be closed on February 15.

Houston County: Grapeland ISD will be closed on February 15.

Jasper County: Jasper ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Newton County: Newton ISD will be closed on February 15-16. Burkeville ISD and Deweyville ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Newton County will be opening a warming center at the Iris and Ann Howard Civic Center located at 213 East Court Street in Newton, beginning at noon Monday and ending at noon on Wednesday. Red Cross will be sending support staff.

Polk County: Corrigan-Camden ISD will be closed on February 15-16.

San Jacinto County: Coldspring ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Shelby County: Center ISD will be closed on February 15-19.

Tyler County: [Tyler County issued a disaster declaration on February 14.](#) Five ISDs in Tyler County will be closed on February 15-19.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)

DDC continues to monitor weather conditions. Sabine Pass ISD will be closed Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16. The City of Bridge City will be closed Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16. Vidor ISD will be closed on Monday and a 2 hour delayed start on February 16. Lamar State College in Orange will be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

[City of Bridge City issued a disaster declaration on February 14.](#)

DDC 16A – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties)

[Predicted arctic weather conditions arrived in the area late Sunday afternoon. Temperatures began rapidly dropping and freezing rain arrive in Harris County around 6:00 PM. TxDOT finished deicing operations in Harris and Chambers Counties on Sunday. Harris County has activated the EOC to Level 1. Houston Office of Emergency Management is also activated to Level 1.](#)

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Brazoria County: Due to icy weather, the Alvin Community College campus will be closed February 15 & 16. The City of Danbury and Danbury ISD will be closed February 15 & 16. The City of Clute issued a disaster declaration on February 12.

Galveston County: Galveston ISD, Dickinson ISD, and Texas City ISD will be closed February 15 & 16. [The City of Dickinson issued a disaster declaration on February 14.](#)

The Salvation Army in the City of Galveston is open for up to 62 people during the upcoming cold weather. The shelter will shift from emergency overnight only to 24-hour operations. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed, and screening for entry will take place at the facility.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Waller, Walker Counties)

Walker County: Walker County issued a Disaster Declaration for Severe Winter Weather on Friday, February 12. Warming Shelter opened at the Walker County Storm Shelter in Huntsville.

IH 45 is shut down at Park Road 40 due to a multi-vehicle collision.

DDC 16D – Rosenberg (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties)

Disaster District Emergency Operations Center (DDEOC) 16D has activated to a Level I Virtual (Emergency Conditions)

TxDOT is working to treat major roadways and has implemented a 24-hour operation schedule. However; due to the hazards only life imminent operations remain in effect

Almost all major roads, bridges, overpasses remain impassable

All schools, colleges, are closed until further notice

Wharton County: There were two multi-vehicle collisions on US 59 near the City of El Campo.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata Counties)

DDC 19 Increased the readiness level to level II on Sunday, February 14.

A winter storm warning is in effect from Sunday 6:00 PM until Monday at noon. A gale warning is in effect through Monday afternoon. A wind chill warning and a freeze warning are in effect from Sunday 6:00 PM until Tuesday at noon. All COVID-19 testing has been canceled until Wednesday, February 17 due to the weather.

Starr County: Rio Grande City CISD will be closed for in-person instruction on Monday, February 15.

San Isidro ISD will be delayed until 10:00 AM on Monday, February 15.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 has moved from a Level III to a Level II (virtual) escalated response conditions beginning at 8:00 AM on Saturday, February 13.

Calhoun County: Calhoun County Emergency Medical Services will not be transporting patients to Victoria hospitals until the weather allows. All patients will go to Memorial Medical Center Hospital.

Kleberg County: Kleberg County is opening the Human Services Building as a warm zone for residents from 10:00 AM Saturday, February 13 until 3:00 PM Monday, February 15.

All Kleberg County offices will be closed on Tuesday, February 16 in conjunction with Monday (President's Day) - due to extreme cold and freezing conditions. Kleberg County Emergency Crews are on standby for anyone in distress.

Nueces County: The City of Corpus Christi is working with multiple local homeless agencies to ensure shelter, food, blankets, and clothing are provided for those in need during the severe cold and inclement weather. The Salvation Army has been identified as the lead agency in providing emergency shelter. If the Salvation Army exhausts their intake accommodations, individuals will be referred by the Salvation Army to other shelters expanding their intake.

Nueces County EOC is fully activated for this winter event. Most EOC members will be remotely operating. Nueces County is in communication with City of Corpus Christi on all warming center and shelter options. The EOC is working with Robstown and the Western cities of Agua Dulce, Bishop, Driscoll, and Petronila. Nueces County is declaring a local state of emergency which is in progress as well as anticipate closing Nueces County buildings through Tuesday.

The City of Corpus Christi, in partnership with the American Red Cross, Mother Teresa Shelter, and the Gulf Coast Humane Society, has activated a Short-Term Shelter at the American Bank Center (ABC). The shelter opened Sunday night had 39 guests stay overnight. Pets belonging to guests were transferred to the humane society. The city has coordinated with a group to do outreach for Monday, notifying homeless of the temporary shelter at the ABC. They have teams distributing warm clothes and blankets at these sites. The Salvation Army is also housing guests at their facility, at this time they are at capacity. If someone shows up at the Salvation Army, the City will be notified and arrange for transportation to the ABC Shelter.

The City also is working on an operational plan to offer daytime warming centers within the city limits.

Additionally, the City has engaged numerous state and local agencies, including the Texas Department of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Transportation, the Port of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, AEP of Texas, the Corpus Christi Council of Governments, the Downtown Management District, Christus Spohn, the Robstown Fire Department, and the American Red Cross.

Port of Corpus Christi: Coordinating with TxDOT to ensure Joe Fulton International Corridor bridge remains pretreated to prevent ice. City of Corpus Christi has provided signage and will assist with responding to bridge as needed if ice accumulation is detected. The Port Police Department will closely monitor. Port Emergency Management continues to share weather updates with port users and is monitoring for stakeholder operational concerns.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

Cameron County: La Feria ISD, Point Isabel ISD, Rio Hondo ISD, San Benito ISD, and Santa Rosa ISD will be closed for in-person instruction on Monday, February 15.

Shelters are now open at the Ozanam Center in the City of Brownsville and Loaves and Fishes in the City of Harlingen.

Hidalgo County: Edcouch-Elsa ISD, Edinburg CISD, Donna ISD, Hidalgo ISD, La Joya ISD, La Villa ISD, Mercedes ISD, Monte Alto ISD, PJSA ISD, and Valley View ISD will be closed for in-person instruction on Monday, February 15.

Texas A&M Higher Education Center in McAllen will shift to remote work and online instruction on Monday, February 15.

Shelters are now open at the Lucero Del Norte Community Church and the Mercedes Safe Dome in the City of Mercedes, the Vanguard Academy Gymnasium in the City of Pharr, the Salvation Army in the City of McAllen, and the Mission Parks & Recreation in the City of Mission.

Willacy County: Lasara ISD, Lyford ISD, and San Perlita ISD will be closed for in-person instruction on Monday, February 15.

DDC 24 Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties)

DDC 24 will remain at Level III, Increased Readiness. DDC 24 is not anticipated to be activated.

Dimmit County: Reports Carrizo Springs CISD reports; Monday February 15 Staff day. No students. Staff to report at 10:00am Tuesday February 16 Staff to report at 9:30am. Students at 10:00am. Warming shelters remain on standby.

Edwards County: Reports power is out mostly on North side of town. 10:30 is the estimated time to have power restored, a blown transformer is reported to be the cause. FM2995 is closed due to down power lines. FM2523 is closed due to icy conditions.

Kinney County: Reports no issues overnight, waiting for updated information from Brackett ISD. No Warming centers at this time, however if needed can be stood up at moment's notice.

Val Verde County: Light snow reported in south Del Rio, by the Val Verde winery, Qualia Road, not sticking.

Zavala County: Monday, Crystal City ISD - 100% remote learning. All teachers working from home. Maintenance will report at 10:00 am. Batesville will observe Holiday, La Pryor ISD will observe Holiday.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, and 10)

DDC 8 El Paso (Includes: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties)

Culberson County: Culberson County ISD will have virtual learning until Wednesday.

El Paso County: Nine schools/universities in El Paso County will have virtual learning on Monday.

DDC 9 Midland (Includes: Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland and Winkler Counties):

Around 1,000 customers are without power in Midland County mainly due to vehicle crashes. Atmos Energy is holding steady pressure. The Salvation Army and at least one local non-profit are conducting warming shelters. If the situation worsens and they need to set up a shelter the Red Cross has offered logistical support. Team Rubicon has offered manpower.

Howard County: The City of Big Spring submitted a disaster declaration on February 13.

DDC 10 – San Angelo (Includes: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

The warming center at the First Baptist Church in Junction remains open. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) continues to run sand trucks and plows.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 Amarillo: DDC 1 will move to a Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) at 1800 February 13th, 2021 for winter weather and extreme cold temperatures. DDC partners are virtual.

Cold temperatures and snow continue to impact the district and operations continue for the winter storm today and into Monday morning. Snow totals are expected to be in the 6-8 inch total for this system. Wind Chills are expected to reach minus 30 degrees with the snow totals up to 8 inches in that time period. [Snow continues to fall with drifts up to 2 foot tall in some areas. Temperatures continue to fall as the snow continues.](#)

[West Texas A&M University--Virtual learning through Tuesday essential personnel will report to campus as usual. TTUHSC-Amarillo--Closed Monday facilities, classes and TTP clinics are closed.](#)

DDC 2 – Lubbock (Includes: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum Counties)

[Snowfall has ended across the district. A record low temperature of 0 was set at Lubbock on Sunday. Dangerous wind chills will continue through the morning hours. Wind chill values of -15 to -25 degrees can be expected. Some sun will return to the area today, but temperatures will remain very cold. Highs this afternoon will be mostly in the teens. Another storm system will pass across the area Tuesday and Wednesday, bringing another chance of snow, and even a little bit of rain is possible in the southwestern South Plains.](#)

[TxDOT Crews continue to patrol, plow, and treat roadways as needed. All COVID test sites in Lubbock have been canceled for Monday. TTUHSC and Texas Tech Physicians will have virtual instruction Monday. Lubbock County Courthouse is closed Monday.](#)

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young Counties)

[A winter storm warning is in effect until 6:00 PM Monday for the entire district. Snowfall is falling across the district. Impacts to roadways are beginning from West to East as the storm moves across. Dangerous temperatures and added wind chills can prove hazardous to anyone outside for a longer period of time as well as pets, and livestock.](#)

[Wichita Falls Regional Airport and Lake Kickapoo Airport have canceled all flights on Sunday. Outbound flights for Monday at Wichita Falls Regional Airport have been canceled. Wilbarger County Airport has been closed. Three schools will be closed Monday, with one going to virtual instruction. Clay County Courthouse will be closed Monday. Two colleges/universities will be closed Monday. Air Tractor will be closed Monday.](#)

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Taylor Counties)

Snow continues to fall across most of the district but the wind has calmed. Temperatures are in the single digits across the area. All roadways in the district are reported to be hazardous, but traffic continues to flow along I-20. Abilene Regional Airport is closed. DPS Abilene Communications was restored. Bittercreek WSC has restored power, but continue to experience issues with water distribution. Texas Military Department (TMD) has staged a Winter Weather Package in Abilene and are ready to assist stranded motorists as needed.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 11 – Waco (Includes: Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone and McLennan Counties)

A winter storm warning is in effect until 6:00 PM Monday. Heavy mixed precipitation is expected. Strong winds will result in very restricted visibility and possibly life-threatening wind chills. Texas Highway Patrol responded to multiple motor vehicle accidents and motorist assists throughout District 11.

Hill County: Hill County submitted a disaster declaration on February 12.

McLennan County: There are two open warming centers in Waco/McLennan County. A traffic accident damaged an electrical service line on State Hwy-6 and Del Mar Ranch Road. Power is out for about 285 power meters.

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

Bastrop County: The EOC has been communicating with County and TxDOT road crews throughout the day on a patch directly. The Emergency Communications Center is staffed up and staying overnight at the Communications Center.

The road conditions across Bastrop County are extremely dangerous. Many roads are impassable. There are numerous abandoned vehicles in the median and on the sides of roads. TxDOT advised that they are having supply chain problems with sand and deicing materials and in an effort to keep SH 71 and US 290 open the decision was made for TxDOT to concentrate their efforts on those 2 roads and pull off from treating all other State roads. As they continue to get additional freezing rain, sleet and snow the condition of the roads will continue to deteriorate. TxDOT will advise the EOC and the Judge when they are no longer able to continue treating SH 71 and US 290.

Acadian Emergency Medical Services is currently only transporting patients to local hospitals. The local hospitals have been notified and prepared to accept additional patients with 12 rooms available at Seton Bastrop and 15 rooms available at Seton Smithville. ITSHHH, a local nonprofit, is providing shelter for the homeless and the EOC is supporting those efforts as needed. Both Bastrop and Smithville are on

standby to open up their shelters as Warming Centers in the event of power outages. If there is a medical necessity to shelter someone without electricity in a hotel we will activate the Non-Congregate Sheltering Agreement. There are a number of gas stations that have closed so they will continue to monitor that situation.

The EOC has checked in with their long term care facilities and all seem to be doing well with no unmet needs at this time. All except one have generators and fuel should they have a loss of power. All have plenty of food and other supplies on hand. They may have a need for a generator and fuel in the event of a power outage but will make efforts to meet that need locally.

The biggest concerns are the deteriorating road conditions and the effect that may have on the supply chain, as well as any potential loss of power for any length of time due to the frigidly cold temperatures.

Burnet County: City of Marble Falls activated its EOC at Level II to monitor conditions and prepare to respond to the winter weather. The EOC is virtual and will not be activated overnight.

Caldwell County: State Hwy 21 through Mustang Ridge was closed by Mustang Ridge Police Department, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, and TXDPS due to icing.

Gillespie County: Gillespie and Llano Counties have contacted AT&T to resolve an outage with a Gillespie cell tower. Work is in progress.

Hays County: The City of San Marcos issued a disaster declaration on February 13.

Travis County: Travis County issued a disaster declaration on February 14. City of Austin has activated its cold-weather and shelter plan.

Williamson County: The Williamson County EOC activated at Level II at 2:00PM February 13, 2021.

The City of Georgetown issued a disaster declaration on February 14.

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Victoria Counties)

All Golden Crescent counties are experiencing winter weather conditions. Roadways, bridges, and flyovers are frozen over in every county. All major roads are closed. TxDOT has suspended operations due to safety, and will resume at first light. Texas DPS Highway Patrol has limited personnel out in each county, and are limited in their ability to assist stranded motorists. Calhoun County Hospital has advised they will only transport to the Port Lavaca Hospital.

Calhoun County: Calhoun County EMS will not be transporting patients to Victoria hospitals until the weather allows. All patients will go to Memorial Medical Center Hospital.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba Counties)

TxDOT and local officials are reporting no significant roadway issues. All major roadways are open and unobstructed to travel. Some county rural roadways may have icy patches. TxDOT will continue to monitor roadway conditions within the district.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas SOC remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff coordinating daily weather calls, processing disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), preparing Snapshots and the State SITREPs. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the Remote SOC, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners and various members of the public health community to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Texas Propane Gas Association received an Hours of Service waivers were from the Texas Department of Public Safety to ensure propane delivery drivers could support the additional calls for propane service to support home heating needs.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife): County Extension Agents standing by to assist local jurisdictions as needed with livestock and crop issues due to winter weather impacts.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Standing by to provide search & rescue assistance as well as personnel to support winter weather operations as needed.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS is currently supporting local agencies, TDEM and TxDOT with winter weather support. TFS Crews are currently assisting in the Northwest, Central, West, Panhandle, East and South Branches with (6) Motor Graders, (23) 4x4 Vehicles, and (57) support personnel. (1) Short Planning Section Team (4 personnel) is also assigned to DDC 5 & 6 for Incident Action Plan Development and Situation Reports. (5) Saw Crews, and (35) 4x4 vehicles remain available and ready for response.

- The TFS Northwest Branch is supporting TxDOT Abilene and Eastland Districts, and is currently assigned to work the Merkel to the Nolan-Mitchell Co line of I-

20; Hwy 70, south of Sweetwater; Hwy 277 north to the Jones County line and down Winters Freeway, through Abilene and portions of Loop 322.

Approximately (200) miles have been bladed, (223) miles patrolled, checked (6) abandoned vehicles, and have assisted (12) motorists. Additionally, Winter Weather Support Crews are staged in DDC 3 – Wichita Falls to assist with potential stranded motorists within the region.

- The TFS Central Branch is currently staged in Williamson County to support the TxDOT Waco District.
- The TFS West Branch is supporting TxDOT winter weather operations, and is continuing to improve IH 10 bridges and inclines. TFS resources continue patrolling high-risk areas and supporting TxDOT with traffic management. An estimated 215 motorists and 30 commercial trucks have been pushed or pulled, and an estimated 365 miles of roadway have been bladed, along with a portion of the Kimble County Airport cleared for EMS use. One TFS unit was assigned to ambulance escort on a route other than IH10 to facilitate numerous Hospital transfers by Ambulances and AMBUS's. TFS personnel also delivered snowplow and grader cutting edges from Brownwood TxDOT.
- The TFS Panhandle Branch is currently supporting the TxDOT Amarillo and Childress Districts. Childress resources patrolled 631 miles of tier 1 and tier 2 roads, assisted 3 disabled vehicles, and continue efforts to check for stranded motorists and report observed road conditions back to TxDOT. Amarillo Crews continue to work Hwy 27 service road to the southwest side of Loop 335 back to Interstate 40. Bladed areas have included: south on I-27 to Highway 87, through Canyon; Hwy 27, Hwy 87, and Hwy 60 to Hereford.
- The TFS South Branch is supporting the Fredericksburg Fire Department, conducting welfare checks, assisting with transferring people to warming stations, and support for the Gillespie County Area.
- The TFS East Branch is currently supporting DDC 5 & 6 with a short Planning Section Team for Incident Action Plan development and Situation Reports throughout the Disaster District.
- (2) TFS/ESF 4 Representatives are currently assigned to the State Operations Center for resource mobilization and coordination support.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): Monitoring and communicating with power providers as well as tracking power outages due to winter weather. ERCOT has issued an Operating Condition Notice (OCN) for the potential extreme cold weather which will run from February 11 through February 16.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): The TAHC is maintaining situational awareness of the evolving weather situation. The TAHC is activated to the SOC, is monitoring weather calls, and is coordinating with TAHC Regional Offices and animal response partners at the local, state, and federal level for support of local jurisdictions. Coordination communications have occurred with ESF-11 partners regarding potential hay/feed or other livestock-related support following the storm. All partners have indicated no need at this time, and visible local preparation for storm amongst local producers/partners. The TAHC received communication from

the poultry industry with concerns regarding gas curtailments: the issue has been mitigated by the private company, and there are no unmet needs at this time. TAHC staff remain on standby for response to any animal issues which may arise.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): In response to snow and ice TxDOT is performing winter weather operations by pretreating and treating roads.

- There are [5,881](#) locations on state roadways that are impacted by Snow/Ice with [63](#) road closures due to icy conditions.
- [All](#) districts and EOCs are currently operating 24 hours a day.
- [TxDOT is working winter operations in all 25 districts in some capacity.](#)
- [Priority is to maintain the state-maintained highway system with our inventory of materials. Material is steadily being depleted as the conditions worsen. Some areas of the state were able to replenish some material yesterday and today prior to the declining roadway conditions.](#)
- TxDOT is utilizing their permanent digital message boards to display advisory of the weather conditions to the traveling public.
- TxDOT is currently staffing the SOC 24 hours a day through the duration of this event.

[The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, in coordination with TxDOT and local police jurisdictions, will close all Mobility Authority toll facilities beginning Sunday, February 14 until further notice.](#)

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): [Texas DPS has prepared statewide resources to appropriately respond to this severe weather event. All Texas Highway Patrol \(THP\) troopers are fully prepared to respond as conditions dictate. Some areas already impacted by the severe weather are ensuring 24-hour trooper coverage. THP Disaster District Chairs are communicating with TxDOT, TDEM, and TPWD to discuss emergency response plans. The Northwest, North, West, and Southeast Texas regions are coordinating with state police partners from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana to ensure prompt responses to potential interstate highway issues. Texas DPS has troopers and equipment responding statewide to events in areas adversely affected by the winter weather event.](#)

[All assigned THP troopers are actively investigating crashes and assisting stranded motorists around the clock since the start of the winter weather event. Troopers are clearing traffic and continue to patrol and monitor the affected areas. THP is working closely with state partners TxDOT, TDEM, TFS, TPWD and TMD during this event. THP personnel are ready to assist with request for assistance.](#)

[THP troopers investigated 235 crashes, with 84 injuries and four fatalities, across all Regions through Saturday, February 13.](#)

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD will support TXDPS Texas Highway Patrol (THP), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in protecting life and property during the winter weather in Texas. TMD has deployed 90 personnel to be staged in Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Dallas/Fort Worth, Abilene, Waco, and Tyler.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Rostered 432 4x4 vehicles/personnel along with 48 boats statewide. Also, TPWD Search and Rescue along with Aviation including our UAS Team is continuing to be advised of the potential for severe weather and are maintaining a state of readiness.

- Game Wardens and Park Police Officers continue to patrol in areas affected by the winter weather and are working in conjunction with Texas DPS Troopers and other first responders assisting stranded motorists and traffic control due to weather conditions.
- TPWD has personal staffing the Remote SOC during a 24hr activation and is communicating with TxDOT, TDEM, Texas DPS, TMD and other agency representatives to discuss response plans and needs for support.
- Game Wardens in Jasper County assisted TDEM with the pickup and delivery of 190 blankets from the Lufkin TDEM warehouse to be delivered to the Jasper County EOC.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): Monitoring and communicating with power providers as well as tracking power outages due to winter weather. ERCOT has issued an Operating Condition Notice (OCN) for the potential of extreme cold weather which will run from February 11 through February 16.

Infrastructure

Shelters/Warming Centers Activated:

Region	# Reported
1	38
2	22
3	6
4	11
5	33
6	12
Total	122

Power Outages: Source Eagle-I as of 8:00 AM

Region	# Affected
1	933,122
2	228,749
3	294,137

4	142,228
5	90,803
6	762,020
Total	2,451,059

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TAMUS TFS	Motor Graders & 4x4 Vehicles	11	6	Assigned	DDC 7
TAMUS TFS	4x4 Vehicles	8	4	Assigned	DDC 3
TAMUS TFS	Motor Graders & 4x4 Vehicles	4	3	Assigned	TxDOT Waco District
TAMUS TFS	Motor Graders & 4x4 Vehicles	7	3	Assigned	Kimble/Menard Counties
TAMUS TFS	Motor Graders & 4x4 Vehicles	8	5	Assigned	TxDOT Amarillo District
TAMUS TFS	Motor Graders & 4x4 Vehicles	10	6	Assigned	TxDOT Childress District
TAMUS TFS	4x4 Vehicles	3	2	Assigned	Gillespie County
TAMUS TFS	TFS/ESF 4 Representatives	2		Assigned	Austin
TAMUS TFS	5 Saw Squads	25		Available	Statewide
TAMUS TFS	4x4 Vehicles		35	Available	Statewide
TAMUS TFS	Short Planning Module	4		Assigned	DDC 5&6
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	Austin
TAHC	Office Staff	6		Assigned	Virtual
TAHC	Regional Mgmt.	18		Assigned	Statewide
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	Game Wardens	432	432	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	Aircraft	2	1	Activated	Austin
TPWD	Park Police Officers	90	90	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	UAS Team	50	50	Activated	Statewide
TPWD	K9 Team	9	9	Activated	Statewide
TMD	Winter Weather Package	18	6	Activated	Amarillo
TMD	Winter Weather Package	18	5	Activated	Wichita Falls
TMD	Winter Weather	14	6	Activated	Dallas/Fort

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
	Package				Worth
TMD	Winter Weather Package	15	6	Assigned	Abilene
TMD	Winter Weather Package	16	7	Assigned	Waco
TMD	Winter Weather Package	9	4	Activated	Tyler
TMD	TMD Military District Coordinator	1		Assigned	DDC Hurst
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	3		Assigned	Austin
TxDOT	District Ops	2,311	1,165	Assigned	Statewide

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
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